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## **Guide Dog Leader Named By Assemblymember Fran Pavley As “2003 Woman of the Year”**

(Woodland Hills, CA) – State Assemblymember Fran Pavley has named Elizabeth Morosco as her “2003 Woman of the Year.” Every year, each of the 80 members of the State Assembly selects one woman who has distinguished herself in service to the community for recognition at a special ceremony at the State Capitol.

**DATE: Monday, March 24, 2003**

**TIME: 11:00 a.m. on the Assembly Floor, followed by  
lunch and a tour of the Capitol building.**

“Since my family has raised four Guide Dog puppies,” said Pavley. “I have a special place in my heart for the work that Liz has done to help the blind and visually impaired find independence through these extraordinary dogs.”

Liz was active as a 4-H Project and Community Leader for ten years before joining Guide Dogs for the Blind at the Topanga Canyon Office. She initiated a program that not only enables blind children to be involved in their community, but also teaches them the care and dog-handling skills that they might need in their future with a guide dog. This year she is celebrating her 20<sup>th</sup> year assisting Guide Dog Graduates, encouraging puppy raisers, and doing fund raising for the organization. For the last three years, she has also been involved with the Wellness Community in the Conejo Valley.

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“I am very honored to be selected woman of the year by Assemblymember Fran Pavley who has been a long-time supporter of Guide Dogs for the Blind and raised many guide dog puppies for the program,” said Elizabeth Morosco. “For the last 20 years, I have had the privilege of working with and assisting not only the puppy raisers but all of our guide dogs teams in Southern California. Helping people reach their goal of independent travel by partnering with a guide dog has been a motivating factor in my life. There is no greater joy than being of service to others.”

“Elizabeth Morosco is highly deserving, and I am proud to name her as my Assembly ‘Woman of the Year’,” Pavley concluded.

Elizabeth Morosco grew up in Chicago, Illinois, and studied at the University of Illinois, The Art Institute of Chicago, and The New School for Social Research in New York. She is the mother of two girls, Lisa and Alexandra, and grandmother of Jacquelyn.

The recognition ceremony will be broadcast live on the State Assembly website at [www.assembly.ca.gov](http://www.assembly.ca.gov). Assemblymember Pavley and Morosco can be reached after the ceremony through Pavley’s Capitol Office at (916) 319-2041. A Guide Dog will be a part of the recognition, and photos will be available.

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